



# Insights from the 2022 Application Protection Report:

## In Expectation of Exfiltration

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# Application Protection Report

Using data to unite tactics and strategy in risk-based security



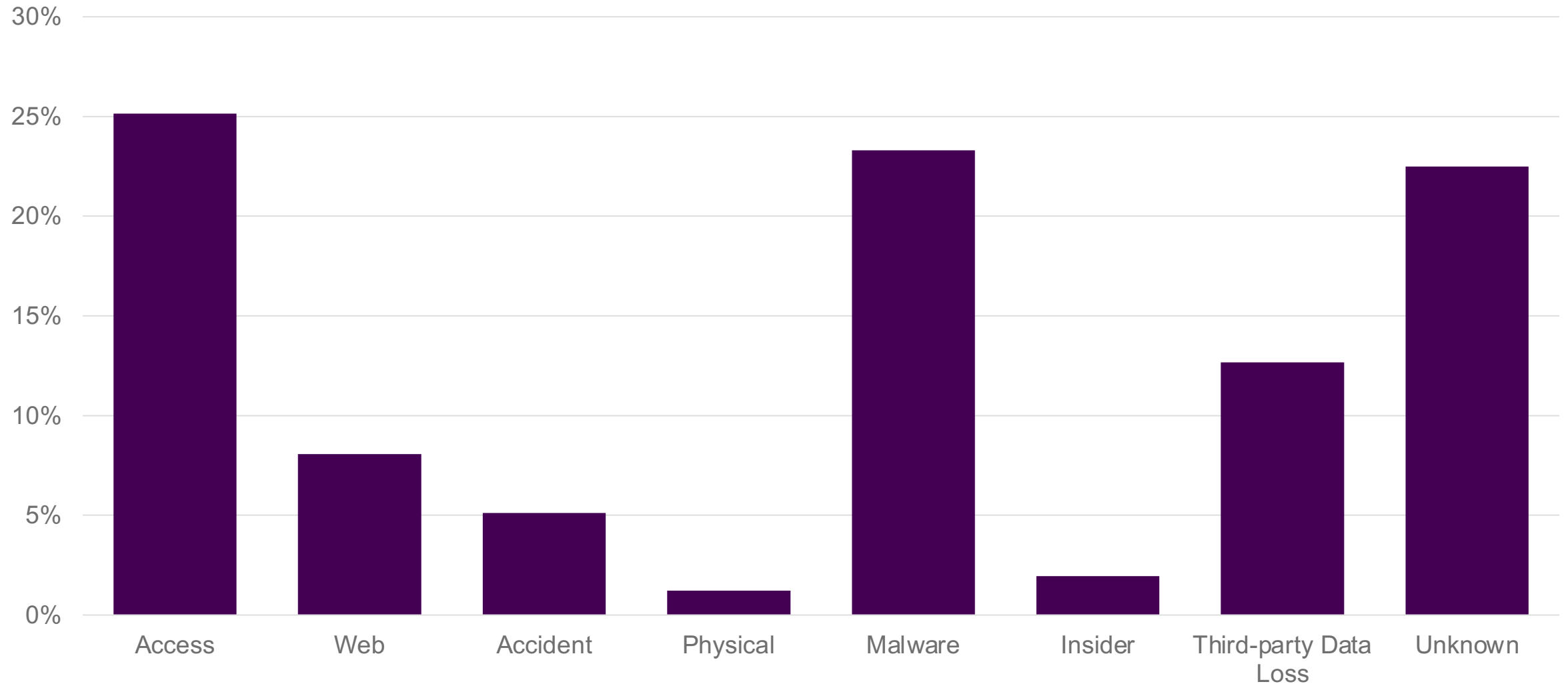
# Agenda

- Data Breach Insights
  - Breach causes over time
  - 2021 breach causes by industry
- Attack Chain Analysis
- Recommended Mitigations



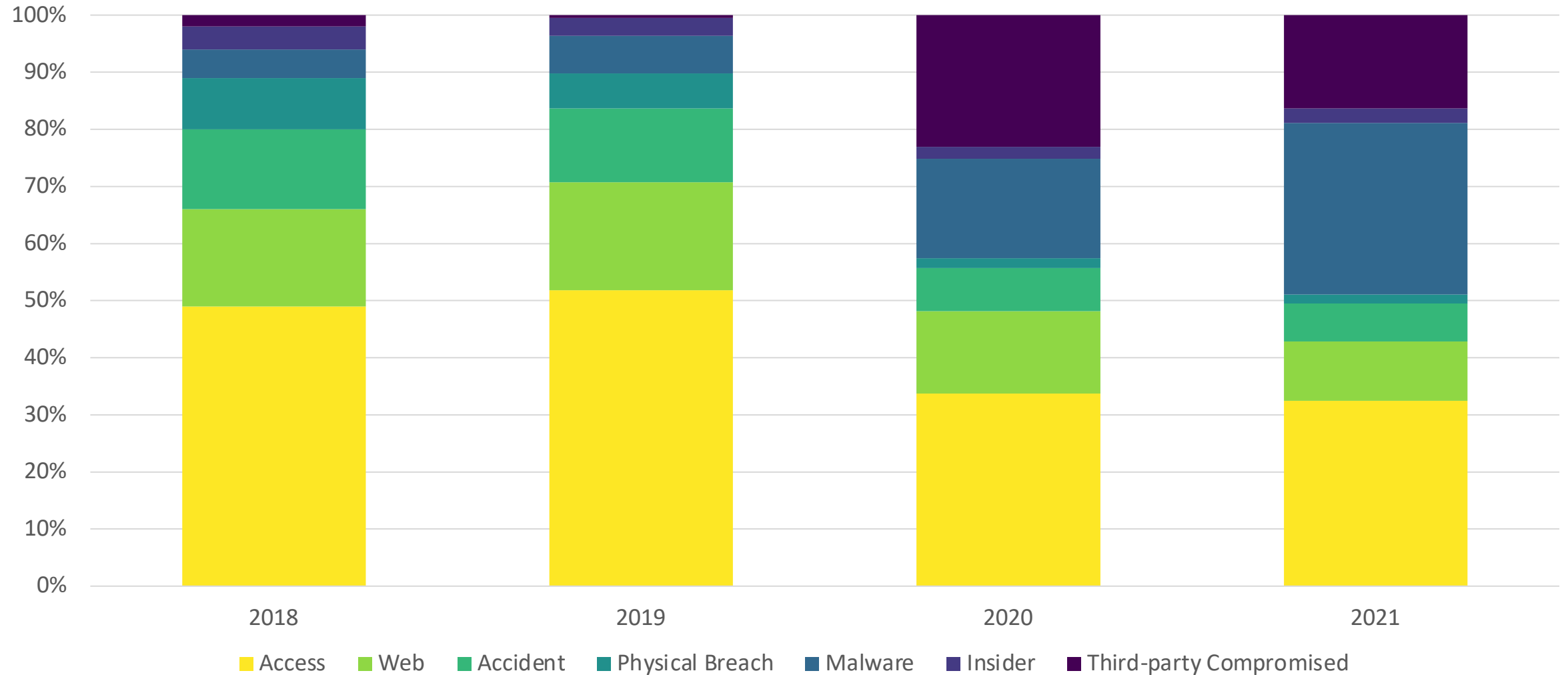
# 2021 Data Breach Distribution

Simple view, Application Tiers Model,  $n = 980$



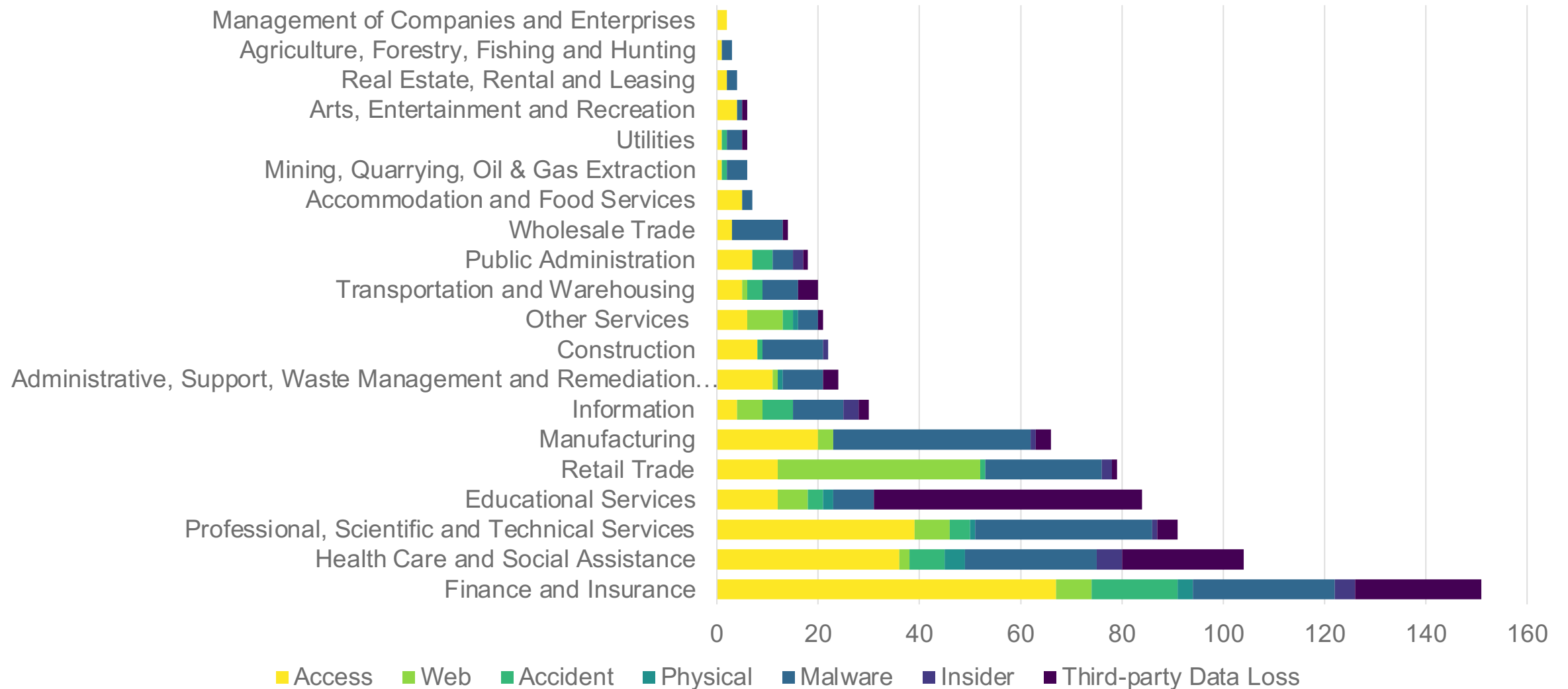
# 2018 - 2021 Data Breach Distribution

Historical view, Application Tiers Model



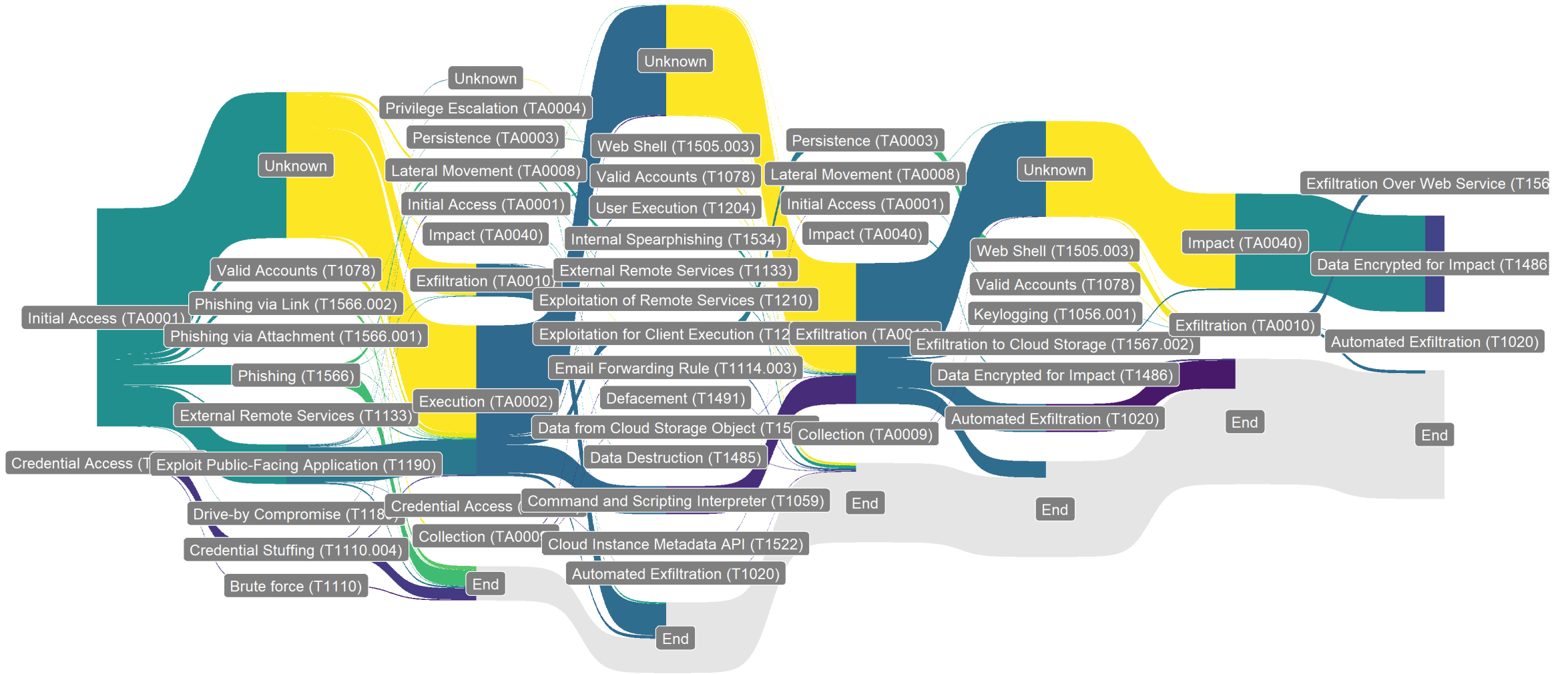
# 2021 Data Breach Distribution by Industry

Sector x Breach Cause, Application Tiers Model, unknowns removed,  $n = 758$





# Data Breach Attack Chain Analysis



Stage 1 Tactic

Stage 1 Technique

Stage 2 Tactic

Stage 2 Technique

Stage 3 Tactic

Stage 3 Technique

Stage 4 Tactic

Stage 4 Technique

Attack Chain Stage

# Recommended Mitigations

Arbitrary effectiveness coefficient = frequency x coverage

| Mitigation                           | Arbitrary Effectiveness Coefficient |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Data Backup                          | 1.26                                |
| Network Segmentation                 | 0.85                                |
| Restrict Web-Based Content           | 0.85                                |
| Application Isolation and Sandboxing | 0.68                                |
| Exploit Protection                   | 0.68                                |
| Privileged Account Management        | 0.68                                |
| Disable or Remove Feature or Program | 0.61                                |
| Update Software                      | 0.51                                |
| Network Intrusion Prevention         | 0.50                                |
| User Training                        | 0.43                                |
| Filter Network Traffic               | 0.38                                |
| Antivirus/Antimalware                | 0.36                                |
| Vulnerability Scanning               | 0.34                                |
| Multifactor Authentication           | 0.29                                |
| Execution Prevention                 | 0.24                                |



Thanks for listening!

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